

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 591

By Rochelle

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Howard "Doodle"
Gwaltney of Gordonsville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the unfortunate death of Howard "Doodle" Gwaltney on November 29th, 1999; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gwaltney was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens during his three terms as Road Commissioner; he was also a Naval veteran of World War II; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Gordonsville, Howard "Doodle" Gwaltney was a highly respected member of his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gwaltney served with acumen and alacrity as a Smith County Road Commissioner from 1964-1976, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and employees alike for the superior quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Howard "Doodle" Gwaltney was an active and devout member of the Gordonsville United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for many years. He was also a member of the New Middleton Lodge; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gwaltney served on the board of directors of Gordonville's branch of Citizens Bank; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gwaltney was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Howard "Doodle" Gwaltney enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Christine Craighead Davis Gwaltney, and was the proud stepfather of Ronnie Davis of Lebanon; and

WHEREAS, Howard "Doodle" Gwaltney leaves behind an indelible legacy of probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, he is also survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Frances Gwaltney Hunter and William M. Hunter of Murfreesboro, brother and sister-in-law William and Miriam Gwaltney of Old Hickory, and sister-in-law Rebecca Gwaltney of Springfield; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Howard "Doodle" Gwaltney, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our heartfelt sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Gwaltney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.